

VILLAGE OF ELKHORN
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

MEETING	The Council of the Village of Elkhorn held its regular meeting on September 17, 2009 in the Village of Elkhorn Council Chambers. Present at the meeting were Mayor Roland Gagnon, Councillors Jamie Northcott, Hartley Oppen, Keith Roblin and Kevin Tutthill. Mayor Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES #122-2009	OPPER/NORTHCOTT That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of August 20, 2009 be passed and approved as presented. Carried
AGENDA #123-2009	ROBLIN/OPPER That the agenda for the September 17, 2009 meeting be accepted as presented. Carried
ACCOUNTS #124-2009	TUTTHILL/ROBLIN That the accounts amounting to General Fund \$19,642.74 and Sewer Operating Account \$144.08 be passed and approved for payment as presented. Carried
FINANCIAL STATEMENT #125-2009	ROBLIN/OPPER That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve the financial statement for the 8 month period ending August 31, 2009 as presented. Carried
BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT #126-2009	NORTHCOTT/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve Building Permit #18-2009 as approved by Village Building Inspector Wayne Poole. Carried
CITIZEN COMPLAINT REPORTS	Council was presented with a total of 8 citizen complaints received by the Village Office during the past month. Complaints range from road conditions, animal control, unsightly property and water issues. Information on these complaints had been forwarded to Village Foreman to pursue and continue investigation.
ELKHORN NUISANCE GROUND	It was reported that no work had been done at the nuisance ground yet, but Village Foreman Rhodes has been instructed to bury previous fire debris and proceed with the construction of a berm around the burnables pile and have the site cleaned up for the fall of 2009.
DELEGATION- TOWN OF VIRDEN	<p>A delegation consisting of Mayor Bruce Dunning and Councillor Terry Johnson from the Town of Virden appeared before Council at the request of Mayor Gagnon. The purpose of the delegation was to discuss the Trans Canada West Planning District and the status of the development plan.</p> <p>It was reported that joint meetings have been ongoing with a mediator between the Town of Virden and the R.M. of Wallace with 2 meetings conducted and 1 more planned in the near future. Discussion occurred regarding the information being discussed in regards to the fringe area around the Town of Virden as well as the overall development plan for the R.M. of Wallace.</p> <p>Mayor Dunning hoped to establish a joint committee in the future with representatives from all of the municipal members involved which could meet on a regular basis to discuss upcoming development within the district over and above what the planning district would be doing. Mayor Gagnon thanked the delegation for their attendance at the meeting.</p>
2009 GRANT IN AID	Mayor Gagnon made a report regarding the 2009 Grant in Aid work done on Tralee Street. Also, intentions for the Village to pursue Grant in Aid work in 2010 on Wexford Street.
2009/2010 SNOW REMOVAL TENDERS #127-2009	CAO Mitchell presented before Council a sample of the previous snow removal tender. After discussion, the following motion was presented. OPPER/NORTHCOTT That the Village of Elkhorn proceed with the invitational snow removal tender request to be closed on October 14, 2009. Carried

Also discussed in regards to the snow policy was that of the development of a snow removal mailbox stuffer to give to the general public later in the fall with instructions regarding the movement and placement of snow as well as timing of snow removal of driveways in regards to street cleaning. CAO Mitchell is to present a draft at the October meeting of Council.

2009 ADDED TAXES #128-2009

NORTHCOTT/OPPER That the Village of Elkhorn Real Property Roll be increased as per the following calculations:

<u>Roll #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Increased Assessment</u>	<u>Mill Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Time (Months)</u>
130	Elsie McColl	3,900 1,760	84.1	\$148.02	12
9300	Curtis Toder Jolene Toder	88,800 39,960	84.1	\$1680.36	6
12500	Murray Jezzard	1,100 500	84.1	\$42.05	12
17000	Elkhorn Dev. Corp.	60,700 27,230	84.1	\$1145.04	6
21100	Katherine Brennan	2,400 1,080	84.1	\$90.83	12
28100	Henricus Vanderveer	4,100 1,840	84.1	\$154.75	12
32600	Margaret Allison	56,700 25,250	84.1	\$1592.64	9
32600	Grace Watson	56,700 25,250	84.1	\$1415.68	8 Carried

125 COMMUNITY SIGN

Councillor Kevin Tutthill reported that the 125 group had been doing the community sign with the leftover money from the celebrations. During the process, the group has come up short of funding approximately \$1,100.00 at this time with other work to be completed. Councillor Tutthill requested some funding from the Village of Elkhorn to assist in paying of the bills in 2009 to have all material brought to the Village and for the Village to consider budget funding in 2010. After a brief discussion, the following motion was presented.

#129-2009

OPPER/ROBLIN That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn contribute \$1,500.00 to the Elkhorn 125 Homecoming Committee for the purchase of the 125 community sign. Carried

POST OFFICE/ LEISURE CENTRE PARKING

Discussion occurred regarding the parking area at the rear of the Elkhorn Post Office and Elkhorn Leisure Centre. In April Mayor Gagnon was looking at doing a project of re-grading the entire back area. It is hoped that this work can be done later this fall and Mayor Gagnon will coordinate with Midwest Redi-Mix. Carried

PARK/ CEMETARY CARETAKER REPORT

A request came from the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce in regards to the water supply at the Elkhorn Park. Caretaker Dennis Kyle had winterized the system and Council has requested that the water be placed back on for tree watering until fall.

#130-2009

OPPER/ROBLIN That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby accept the Park/Cemetary Caretaker Report from Lynn Kyle for the month of August, 2009 as presented. Carried

ABANDONED GRAVEL PITS- C.P.R.

A written reply from the Canadian Pacific Railway was presented before Council in regards to the abandoned gravel pit area on the westerly part of the Village. C.P.R.'s original offer was for the Village to purchase the property at a minimum cost of \$10,000.00.

#131-2009	<p>OPPER/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby offer the sum of \$1.00 to the Canadian Pacific Railway for the abandoned gravel pit property within the Village limits. Carried</p>
<p>VILLAGE FOREMAN DELEGATION</p>	<p>Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes appeared before Council and presented his monthly report. Items discussed during the report were the Village lagoon, truck repairs to both the compactor and ¾ ton as well as road maintenance and other general duties. A meeting with the Village's Personnel Committee will be set up to go over other job details.</p>
#132-2009	<p>TUTTHILL/ROBLIN That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby accept Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes report for the month August, 2009 as presented. Carried</p>
<p>WEST BOUNDARY FENCE</p>	<p>CAO Mitchell reported that he had not received a written reply back from Dianne Rookes in regards to the Village's proposal. Ms. Rookes had verbally contacted the office stating that she was waiting for the actual fence line to be marked out along with the gate location prior to approval. A copy of the fencing costs had been given to her for examination. Mayor Gagnon will mark out the fence route as previously discussed.</p>
<p>VILLAGE CREEK DRAINAGE</p>	<p>CAO Mitchell reported that Ryan Canart from the Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District had gotten back to the Village stating that the creek still has a drain channel in it but has a large amount of vegetation and tree growth which may inhibit drainage. Mr. Canart stated that the trees could be removed and the cleaning out of the drainage ditch of any drift silt would be allowable however no deepening of the ditch would be allowed. Council discussed the scenario and requested that CAO Mitchell contact Tutthill Construction in regards to the tree scrubber and the possible cleaning out of vegetation from the drain in the fall of 2009.</p>
<p>ELKHORN MEMORIAL PARK BENCH REQUEST</p>	<p>A request from Betty Oliver and Wenda Paton had been received in regards to the placement of a memory bench for Lily Lund in the Elkhorn Memorial Park. A location had been selected in the south east corner of the park.</p>
#133-2009	<p>ROBLIN/OPPER That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve the placement of a memorial bench for Lily Lund in the Elkhorn Memorial Park as per the written request. Carried</p>
<p>SEWER RATE STUDY BY-LAW</p>	<p>CAO Mitchell reported that the sewer rate study had been completed and the change in rates for 2010 were discussed. The By-Law is required to be given first reading and submitted to the Public Utilities Board for examination. The By-Law calls for an increase to \$86.60 for the annual residential sewer services.</p>
#134-2009	<p>TUTTHILL/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby give first reading to By-Law #2-2009 being a by-law to set the sewer rates within the Village of Elkhorn. Carried</p>
<p>2009 CHRISTMAS SUPPER</p>	<p>CAO Mitchell reported that the Christmas supper will be held on December 4, 2009 at the Elkhorn Elks Hall. The guest list and program will be discussed at the October meeting.</p>
<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A.M.M. – Assorted - U.A.R.C.D. – Assorted - ELKHORN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – Economic Development Meeting - R.C.M.P. – Meetings at A.M.M. Convention - AGE FRIENDLY MANITOBA – Newsletter - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – Owner/Assessor Agreement - ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION – Ladies Auxiliary – 70th Anniversary - MANITOBA HEALTH – West Nile Virus Update - A.R.H.A. – Pandemic Preparedness Forum and Minutes - 911 BRANDON – 2010 Rates - CANADIAN FALLEN HEROES FOUNDATION – Funding Request

#135-2009 That members of Council and CAO Mitchell be authorized to attend the A.M.M. Annual Conference in Brandon on November 23-26, 2009 with registration and normal out-of-pocket expenses being authorized. Carried

The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary is holding a 70th Anniversary Celebration on October 24th.

#136-2009 TUTTHILL/OPPER That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby authorize the closing of Richhill Avenue from PR 256 to Wexford Street along with the issuance of a Congratulatory Message for their 70th Anniversary. Carried

#137-2009 OPPER/ROBLIN That Council authorize E.M.O. Coordinator Margaret Walker and CAO Garth Mitchell to attend the Pandemic Preparedness Meeting in Souris on September 21, 2009 with registration and normal out-of-pocket expenses being authorized. Carried

**COMMITTEE
AND DELEGATE
REPORTS** None.

ADJOURN Moved by Keith Roblin that the meeting adjourn at 10:00 p.m.
#138-2009

Mayor

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